

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) and (b). The detail are as under :

Year	Total number of foreigners		
	Apprehended by BSF	Pushed back	Handed over to police for action under the law
1994	39	6	33
1995	45	1	44
1996 (upto June)	165	2	163

(c) Following steps have been taken :

- (i) Border partolling has been intensified by providing camels and tractors and nakas have been increased.
- (ii) OP Towers have been erected.
- (iii) Binoculars, goggles, twin telescopes, night vision devices and hand held search lights have been provided for enhanced vigilance on the border.
- (iv) Boats/Motor boats have been provided for patrolling riverline areas.
- (v) Intelligence set up of the BSF has been geared up for keeping close surveillance on the border.

Recommendations of Human Rights Commission

*268. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has cautioned the Government that the delay in tackling human rights violation could lead to revival of militancy and terrorism in Punjab and J&K;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether the Commission has made recommendations on the human rights issue;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government have examined these recommendations; and

(f) if so, the steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) and (b) In the report of its visit to Punjab in April 1994, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has inter-alia, mentioned that a large number of delegations that met the Commission were of the opinion that terrorism had only been contained and not totally eliminated. According to them,

apart from the work done by the security forces or the police, the issues which were highlighted by the terrorists in the initial years of the movement need to be tackled without further loss of time. Based on this, the Commission has expressed opinion that delay in tackling of these issues could be a factor in any possible revival of militancy and terrorism in the State. This report of the NHRC has been sent to the State Govt. for appropriate follow-up action. The Commission has not made any observations like these in respect of J&K.

(c) to (f). The NHRC has made several recommendations on issues of human rights through its Annual Reports. The first two Annual Reports of the Commission for 1993-94 and 1994-95 were examined by the Government and laid on the table of both Houses of Parliament alongwith memoranda of action taken by the Govt. on each recommendation. The Annual Report for 1995-96 has also been submitted by the Commission. The recommendations of the Commission contained in this report are under examination. This Annual Report, alongwith a memorandum of action taken on each recommendation will be laid on the table of both Houses of Parliament during the current Session.

Drug Price Control

*269. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the major drugs exempted from the price control in the latest 'Drug Price Control Order';

(b) whether the curtailing of list of the controlled drugs has led to a sharp increase in the prices of a number of medicines; and

(c) whether the Government propose to reconsider the list in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA):

(a) Selection of drugs for price control has been done on the basis of the criteria, as laid down in the 'Modifications in the Drug Policy, 1986'. On the basis of data for the year 1989-90 Drugs, with a turnover of Rs. 400 lakhs or more, having Market Competition and drugs with a turnover of Rs. 100 lakhs or above but below Rs. 400 lakhs, having monopoly situation have, therefore, not come under price control.

(b) Against 142 drugs in price control under DPCO'87, presently there are 76 drugs in price control under DPCO'95. However, these 76 drugs include 21 drugs which were having very high turnover but were outside price control earlier. Studies conducted from time to time after coming into force of DPCO, 1995 indicate that increase of medicine prices is generally not across the board and abnormal. There is also decrease in prices in some cases.